

## Timely Tidbits ...

### Ribbon Cutting, Open House at Athletic Center

A ribbon-cutting ceremony set for noon on Friday, April 25, will mark the official grand opening of the Romulus Athletic Center, an 89,000-square-foot athletic facility and indoor water park located at 35765 Northline Road.

An Open House program – to be held from noon to 4 p.m. the following day – will give area residents an opportunity to check out many of the athletic center's features, free of charge.

For more information, see the advertisement on page 7 or call the RAC at 734-942-2223.

### Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Romulus Public Library will hold its semi-annual Used Book Sale April 21–23 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and April 26 ("Bag Day") from 12 to 5 p.m.

Call 734-942-7589 for info.

### City-wide Yard Sale

Romulus residents are invited to take part in the annual City-wide Yard Sale, set for Thursday, May 15, through Sunday, May 18. (If two or more of the sale dates are "rained out," the event will be rescheduled for May 29–June 1.)

To register for a free sale permit – and have your address included in free newspaper advertising for the event – stop in at the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation (located in the Romulus Athletic Center at 35765 Northline) no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23. Residents registering after the deadline will receive a free permit, but may not be included in advertisements.

For info, call 734-941-8665.

### Free Dumping

Romulus residents *only* will be able to dump nonhazardous waste at the Department of Public Works (12600 Wayne Road, between Northline and Goddard) on the following dates: Monday–Friday, May 12–16, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday, May 17, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A driver's license or other proof of residency is required.

For info, call 734-942-7579. □

## Local Man's Movie Premiere Draws Big Crowds



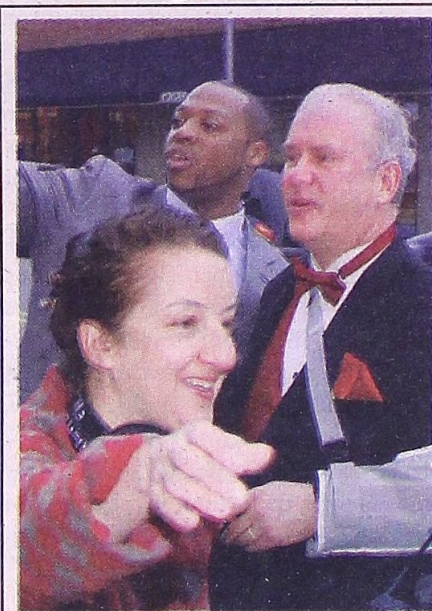
The premiere of *Bilal's Stand* at the Michigan Theater brought a touch of Hollywood to Ann Arbor. Much of the movie – written and directed by Romulus native Sultan Sharrief – was filmed at Romulus High School, and featured RHS Hospitality & Foods teacher Charles Usztics playing himself.

The April 3 premiere of *Bilal's Stand* at Ann Arbor's Michigan Theater marked the writing and directorial debut of Sultan Sharrief, a graduate of Romulus High School's Class of 2001.

The loosely autobiographical story focuses on the title character, an urban high-school student who is expected to carry on his family's taxi business, but dreams of bettering himself and his life by getting a col-

lege education. When Bilal's secret application to the University of Michigan is accepted, and his ice-carving talents earn him a scholarship, he must choose between his sense of family duty and his own desires and aspirations.

Sharrief filmed part of *Bilal's Stand* at RHS, where he made use of the talents of Charles Usztics, the school's Hospitality and Foods teacher. Usztics – who plays himself



Sharrief (back), producer Terri Sarris (senior lecturer in Screen Arts and Cultures at UM), and Usztics enjoyed the air of excitement at the big event.

in the movie – is the coach of the RHS ice-carving team. He received national recognition in 2005 when he was named Teacher of the Year by a prestigious culinary-arts magazine.

Other shooting locations included Inkster and Ann Arbor, home of Sharrief's real-life alma mater.

Several area residents had roles as extras in the film. □

## Taylor Celebrates 40th Anniversary with Special Events

A series of events starting next month will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the City of Taylor's incorporation on May 13, 1968.

The activities were planned by a committee that has been meeting for months to organize a gala and other celebratory programs. Details of many events follow; further information may be found on the City's Web site ([www.cityoftaylor.com/40th](http://www.cityoftaylor.com/40th)). Both residents and nonresidents are invited to participate – and to spread the word.

### May 1: National Day of Prayer

For the 10th straight year, Taylor clergy and others will come together on a nationally recognized day of prayer. The hour-long observance will start at noon in Cameron G. Priebe Plaza, just east of City Hall.

Reverend Philip Nissley, pastor of New Hope Assembly of God and the area coordinator of National Day of Prayer, said Taylor pastors representing 25 churches of various faiths asked to be part of the celebration, and will pray for the city and its residents.

*How to get involved:* Join in the prayers. There's plenty of room (and chairs) in the plaza. For information, call 734-287-4673.

### May 3 & 4: Golf All Day for \$40

Golf as much as you want from sunup to sundown at beautiful Lakes of Taylor and Taylor Meadows golf clubs. The cost is only \$40. Use of a cart is included!

*How to get involved:* Hit the links. Taylor residents get top priority. But make your reservations early. Call 734-287-2100 or visit [www.TaylorGolf.com](http://www.TaylorGolf.com).

### May 3: Taylor Community Chorus Spring Concert

The Taylor Community Chorus will present its 25th Anniversary Concert at 7 p.m. The concert will be held at the Alfred Sheridan Community Center at 12111 Pardee Road.

The chorus will celebrate its silver anniversary by performing musical numbers that have been sung over the past 25 years, plus a few oldies in celebration of Taylor's 40th anniversary as a city. Featured numbers

include the "Beatles in Revue," selections from *Les Miserables*, a Gershwin medley, and selections from *Oklahoma*.

The chorus, which has more than 30 members, will welcome back past directors, who will join the chorus to sing one of the musical numbers.

*How to get involved:* Attend the concert and enjoy the show. Admission to the concert is only \$5. Children 12 and under will be admitted free.

For advance tickets, call director Mark Ennis (313-291-7893). Tickets also will be sold at the door.

### May 10: City Pride Day

This is a day for residents and business people to pitch in, work together, and clean up the city to make Taylor shine.

Wayne County has offered assistance by providing dumpsters that will be located throughout Taylor, including Mayfair Park, Northwest Park, the William D. Ford Senior Center, the Sheridan Community

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## City of Taylor Celebrates 40th Anniversary

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Center, Taylor Sportsplex, Rotary Park, Clarence Randall Elementary School, Truman High School, Myers Elementary School, Fischer Elementary School, and Eureka Heights Elementary School.

Only normal household items (such as household trash, compost and some building materials) will be accepted at the dumpster locations. Items that cannot be placed in the dumpsters include hazardous waste, auto parts, tires, boats, trailers, campers, concrete, shingles, stumps, computers, refrigerant-bearing appliances, and other items that are too large for the dumpsters. (Don't forget: Household Hazardous Waste Day is May 3 at the DPW.)

**How to get involved:** Individuals, families, and groups can participate. Clean up your own property and join in group efforts to clean up neighborhoods, churches, schools, parks, and businesses. Publicize your organized effort by sending an e-mail to TaylorNews@aol.com. All details will be posted on [www.cityoftaylor.com](http://www.cityoftaylor.com). To add your name to the volunteer list or receive more information, call Jean Smith or Cindy Bower at the DPW (734-374-1373).

### May 13: "Happy Anniversary" Skate

In honor of Taylor's 40th anniversary, residents are invited to ice skate free during an open skating session from noon to 2:50 p.m. at the Taylor Sportsplex, 13333 Telegraph Road.

**How to get involved:** Visit the Sportsplex, lace up your skates, and hit the ice. For more information, call 734-374-8900 or visit [www.taylorsportsplex.com](http://www.taylorsportsplex.com).

### May 16: 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance

The "All-America City Dinner-Dance and Tribute" – a celebration 40 years in the making – is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the spacious William D. Ford Senior Activity Center, 6750 Troy. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for cocktail hour. Dinner, catered by the staff at Lakes of Taylor Golf Club, will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The evening will include lots of memories, special presentations, entertainment, and plenty of surprises. Portraits of the five mayors elected in the past 40 years are scheduled to be unveiled. The results of the Taylor schools' poster contest, with the theme "My Taylor, My Home," will be on display. Wal-Mart has donated a brand new Wii video game for a raffle during the night. Larry Wright of the Rotary Club of Taylor will serve as master of ceremonies.

**How to get involved:** Buy a ticket to the dinner dance. A limited number of tickets are available for \$40 at the Taylor Recreation Center, 22805 Goddard. Proceeds will benefit the Taylor Public Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence. For more details, call 734-374-3906.

### May 17: City of Taylor Memorial Day Tribute

The City of Taylor's annual tribute to past and current members of the military will take place at 11 a.m. in Cameron G. Priebe Plaza, outside City Hall, at 23555 Goddard Road.

The event is traditionally held on National Armed Forces Day, which takes place two Saturdays before Memorial Day. The "Day to Remember" will feature speeches by dignitaries, patriotic music, and the presentation of colors.

**How to get involved:** Please join in to salute Taylor's military heroes. Local veterans will announce the names of all Taylor servicemen and servicewomen killed during wartime, as well as the names of Taylor veterans who died in the past year.

Dignitaries will address the crowd. Members of the Harry S. Truman High School Band and the Taylor Community Chorus have been invited to perform. The members of the Truman JROTC are annually part of the tribute, which includes a solemn wreath-laying ceremony involving veterans groups.

Participants are invited to stay on the grounds after the event to take part in the Citywide Open House.

For further information on the "Day to Remember," contact David Gorgon, the City's director of public information, at 734-374-1447, or send him an e-mail at TaylorNews@aol.com.

### May 17: City of Taylor Real Estate and Business Open House

The entire city will be on display from noon to 4 p.m. A citywide open house will put the focus on Taylor: its special features, homes, and businesses.

The City is partnering with the Downriver Association of Realtors to give a boost to the Taylor real-estate market.

The day will start at Taylor City Hall, 23555 Goddard Road. Residents and visitors alike may pick up a packet of information (including a guide to the city), a program of the day's events, and several giveaways, including 40th anniversary T-shirts provided by Arrow Uniform of Taylor and cake donated by Seaway Market. A list of all homes currently for sale in Taylor will be provided.

Along with real estate booths at City Hall, there will be exhibits and collectibles from the Taylor Post Office, an exhibit from the Army Reserve Recruiting Command, exhibits by various Taylor civic organizations and businesses, and representatives of the Taylor School District.

There will be bus tours around the city, highlighting neighborhoods, city facilities, parks, schools, businesses, and other special attractions. Home shoppers and investors are welcome.

**How to get involved:**

- If you're a resident, it's a great day to get to know your city better and to make visitors feel welcome.
- If you're trying to sell your home, let your real-estate agent know about the day and schedule an open house.
- If you're a potential home buyer, this will be the day to be in Taylor.
- If you're a business owner, there are several ways to make sure you're part of the day.

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**5th Grade 8 Spaces Available**

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### Huron High School

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**Applications will be accepted, and are available, at the  
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32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston, MI 48164  
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- has volunteered his time to help our high school athletic teams raise in excess of \$10,000 in the 2007/2008 school year

### Kuderik Will Continue . . .

- to offer responsible leadership
- to think independently
- to support quality education for the students of Romulus
- to work for strong community, employee and management relations

### Record of Community Involvement

- school volunteer
- youth baseball coach for 5 years
- Romulus Flyers football coach for 10 years
- member of the Romulus Athletic Club for 6 years
- trained adult leader in Scouting
- supporter of all school programs, including athletics, music and band

### A Proven Leader

- lifelong Romulus resident
- Romulus High School graduate
- member of United States Army, 1982-1989 (honorable discharge)
- Board of Education Trustee for 3 years; Secretary for 1 year
- served on District's Finance, Personnel, Technology, Early Childhood and Healthy Living committees
- earned Master Board Member Award (1 of only 200 in the state)
- earned Advocacy Skills Specialty Award (first ever in the District)
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## Letter to the Editor

### Combine Assets To Reduce Need for Expansion

To the Editor:

The Wayne County Airport Authority Board has control over two airports: Willow Run and Detroit Metro. They need to take a look at how these assets can be managed together before deciding to expand outside of Metro Airport's current boundaries.

For example, moving cargo services from Metro Airport to Willow Run would give Metro Airport more capacity for passenger services. Willow Run – which is close to I-94, I-275, and US 23 – already has five runways, a 24-hour FAA control tower, and US customs operations.

Since the airports are within 12 miles of each other, and together have 11 run-

ways, the Airport Authority should develop a master plan that combines operations of both airports. Planning the two airports together would be a more efficient and responsible management of the assets afforded to our region without disrupting the communities and displacing our residents.

Rodney Tackett  
Romulus

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*Editor's note: All letters to the editor MUST contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity.*

*The little paper reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.*

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1) Provide coupons or special offers for distribution to people that take part in the citywide open house. Drop them off at the Heritage Park Petting Farm, located on the corner of Northline and Pardee roads.

2) If you want to set up a booth outside City Hall, call 734-374-1447 by Thursday, May 1, to reserve your spot. (Note that the City's Memorial Day ceremony starts at 11 a.m., so booths should be up by then.)

3) Post a "Happy 40th Anniversary, Taylor" poster in your window. Posters are available in the Public Information Department on the second floor of City Hall. Send an e-mail to TaylorNews@aol.com or call 734-374-1447.

4) If you have a sign outside your business, post a "Happy 40th Anniversary, Taylor" message during the month of May, and especially on the day of the open house.

5) Let organizers know what you are doing to celebrate the 40th, and the City will share that with current and future residents as well as on the City Web site, [www.cityoftaylor.com/40th](http://www.cityoftaylor.com/40th). Send details to TaylorNews@aol.com.

- Shop and eat in Taylor.

#### May 21: Taylor Schools' ArtsFest

The Taylor School District ArtsFest is set for 6:30 p.m. at the Taylor Sportsplex, 13333 Telegraph Road. A virtual art show, which starts at 6:30, will showcase the district's secondary art program. Elementary chorus students, including the Sixth Grade Academy, will begin singing at 7 p.m.

*How to get involved:* Attend the show. Admission is free.

#### Wanted: Photographs and Memories

The City of Taylor is seeking photos from Taylor's past to share with the public during the 40th anniversary festivities.

*How to get involved:* If you have old photos that you are particularly proud of, drop them off to Special Projects Manager Kathy Trent in the City of Taylor Department of Public Information. For information, call her at 734-374-8747.

The City also is seeking great stories and memories about Taylor. If you have a story to tell about "My Taylor, My Home," e-mail it to TaylorNews@aol.com. Some of the best stories will be posted on the City Web site, [www.cityoftaylor.com](http://www.cityoftaylor.com). □

qualified and committed

## Hello, I'm Danielle Funderburg



- ♦ Quality education and services are essential to our community
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- ♦ I'm actively involved with the schools and the community
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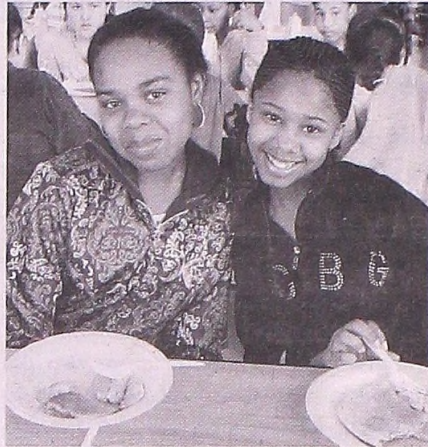
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### *RES Pancake Day Was Sweet Success!*

On March 20, Romulus Elementary School held its first annual Pancake Day to culminate its observance of National Reading Month. The halls were filled with smells of sweet syrup and pancake batter. Throughout the classrooms, students like Teneil Riley (left) and Ke-Airra Baker read books about pancakes, came up with recipes for pancakes, and finally ate pancakes! Student Kaitlyn Price (not pictured) said, "I took a bite of my pancake and was amazed. It was the best pancake ever! It was so light and fluffy."



### *Downriver Council for Arts Receives Grant*

Senator Ray Basham (D-Taylor) is pleased to announce that the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs has awarded the Downriver Council for the Arts a \$10,600 grant for arts and cultural funding.

"As we continue to focus on our economy, it's important that we don't lose sight of the impact the arts have on our quality of life," said Basham. "They are a vital element of a vibrant community, and I appreciate the continued support of the MCACA to keep local efforts like the Downriver Council for the Arts up and running."

Overall, the agency awarded 252 arts and cultural grants in 49 counties, totaling approximately \$7.7 million. All grant applications were evaluated through a process of peer review. Panels, consisting of arts and cultural profession-

als from throughout the state, evaluated and judged each application based on published review criteria. This process resulted in recommendations for funding consideration. Projects funded by MCACA must be completed within fiscal year 2008, which began October 1, 2007 and ends September 30, 2008.

"The value of and need for cultural investment has never been greater. State support for grantees and the public they serve has dropped precipitously from \$27 million in 2001 to \$7.66 million today," said MCACA chair Craig Ruff. "That jeopardizes the quality of life of all state residents. Culture counts. It spurs attraction and retention of talent and private investment. It creates jobs. It excites student achievement. It gives communities and individuals a stronger sense of self worth." □

### *Raising Awareness About Sexual Assault*

Mayor Alan R. Lambert and Public Safety director Charles Kirby have signed a Sexual Assault Awareness Month proclamation calling for "zero tolerance" of sex crimes in the Romulus community. The proclamation was drafted by First Step, a non-profit group that offers services such as a 24-hour telephone help line, shelter, coun-

seling, prevention programs, and in-hospital support for victims of sexual assault. Kirby said that First Step, which has been active in Wayne County since 1978, is "highly regarded" by Romulus police.

Sexual-assault victims are strongly urged to call RPD at 734-941-8400 or First Step at 888-453-5900. □



Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert (left) and Public Safety director Charles Kirby (right) are working with First Step associate director Judith Barr (second from right) and victims' advocate Alanna Coronado to raise awareness about and promote zero tolerance of sexual assault.

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## RHS Announces Dates for Prom, Graduation

Doug Hoffman, assistant principal at Romulus High School, has compiled the following list of special events to update seniors and their parents.

- **Senior Final Exams**  
(Thursday, May 29, during 4th, 5th, and 6th hours; seniors attend from 10:22 a.m. to 2:01 p.m.; regular school day for underclassmen)
- **Senior Final Exams**  
(Friday, May 30, during 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hours; seniors attend from 7:15 to 10:32 a.m.; regular school day for underclassmen)
- **Senior All-night Party**  
(Friday, May 30, with lock-in from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.; RHS field house)
- **Prom Toast**  
(Wednesday, June 4, from 6 to 7 p.m.; RHS atrium)

- **Senior Prom**  
(Wednesday, June 4, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight; "The Inn at St. John's")
- **Commencement**  
(Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m. sharp to 11 a.m.; RHS field house)

Hoffman asks parents to note that admission to commencement will be *by ticket only*. Tickets will be distributed to seniors during graduation rehearsal. All guests attending commencement are to be seated *no later than 9:30 a.m.* Late arrivals will not be seated when it is disruptive to the quality of the ceremony.

A professional photographer will be taking pictures of each graduate, and the ceremony will be videotaped. Photos and tapes will be available for purchase.

Questions may be directed to Hoffman at 734-532-1017. □

## Open Houses Address Master Plan

The Wayne County Airport Authority has announced that it will host six public-information "Open House" programs to give local community members an opportunity to learn more about the Authority's proposed Master Plan for Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.

"The Airport Authority has been and remains committed to developing an Airport Master Plan for Detroit Metro that meets the needs of the entire region we serve," said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson. "These additional sessions will help advance our effort to include as much public input as possible in the planning process, and to develop the Master Plan in the most transparent manner possible."

Open House sessions will be held at the Metropolitan Hotel (31500 Wick Road) on:

- Wednesday, April 23, from 1 to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 23, from 6 to 9 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to noon
- Tuesday, April 29, from 6 to 9 p.m.
- Thursday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to noon
- Thursday, May 1, from 1 to 4 p.m.

All six Open House sessions will provide the same resources, but the schedule is staggered across three dates and time slots to maximize community participation, said Robinson. Details about the Master Plan will be provided using informational displays (including large charts and maps), and representatives from the Airport Authority's planning team will be available throughout each session to personally address each participant's questions and concerns.

Community members are encouraged to stop by at any time during any of the Open Houses, and to stay until all of their questions are answered.

"By providing 18 hours of availability across three different dates when Airport stakeholders can drop in at their leisure, this Open House format will provide community members with several chances to interact directly, one-on-one, with a member

of the Authority's planning team," Robinson said.

At its meeting on March 20, the Airport Authority Board deferred action on the Airport's proposed Master Plan until its May 22 meeting to allow additional time for community concerns to be addressed.

Many area residents — particularly those in Romulus — were upset to learn that the proposed plan calls for the construction of an additional runway that would displace more than 3,500 residents and 800 homes on the City's south side, as well as one to two elementary schools and about 30 industrial properties, according to City estimates. The City would stand to lose over \$900,000 annually in tax revenue; the schools, about \$1.7 million.

Both City and District officials fear that such losses would be devastating to the community, and are urging the Airport Authority to come up with an alternative plan that would have significantly less impact on the surrounding area.

Yet, Robinson believes that Airport expansion is necessary because the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) estimates that passenger traffic at Detroit Metro Airport will increase an average of 2.3% annually. As a result, Detroit Metro expects to see nearly 60 million passengers and more than 800,000 takeoffs and landings each year by 2025.

Robinson added that a Master Plan is required by the FAA from any airport that plans to seek federal funding for airport development projects. The purpose of Detroit Metropolitan Airport's proposed Master Plan is to develop a basic layout of physical improvements that will be needed if the demand and activity increase to the levels expected.

"A strong Master Plan is essential to ensuring that the Airport remains among the safest, most reliable, and most efficient air transport hubs in the world and a powerful economic engine for southeast Michigan," he stated. □

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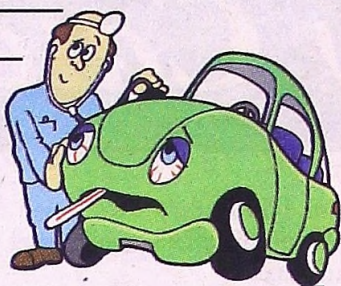
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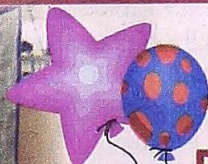
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# Community Calendar

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to 734-992-2052; or e-mail it to [thelittlepaper@comcast.net](mailto:thelittlepaper@comcast.net) by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 25.

## Belleville

### Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser for Wayne County Fairgrounds

A Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser will be held at the Wayne County Fair Grounds (10871 Quirk Road) on Saturday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. Highlights of the event will include a 50/50 raffle, fresh pie and cookie raffle, and Chinese auction.

Cost for dinner is \$8 for adults; \$5 for children. Beer and wine will be sold separately. All proceeds will be used by the Wayne County Fair Association (a nonprofit organization) for the upkeep of the Wayne County Fair Grounds.

Call Mary Zellner (734-942-1684) or Greg Barnett (734-751-1018) for details.

### "The Purple Gang Strikes Again"

The Belleville Area Historical Museum will present "The Purple Gang Strikes Again" – a dinner/interactive murder mystery set in 1931, and based on Detroit's own Purple Gang "capers" – on Tuesday, June 3, at the Bayou Grill (404 Main Street). Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.; the "murder" will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

A donation of \$35 covers a gourmet meal, the murder mystery event, and a museum contribution. Seating is extremely limited, so advance ticket purchase is highly recommended.

Call Van Buren Township historian Cathy Horste (734-697-3662) for info.

## Brownstown Township

### Township Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Charter Township of Brownstown Board of Trustees will be held at Township Hall (21313 Telegraph Road) on Monday, April 21, at 7 p.m. Meetings are usually held on the first and third Monday of each month.

For information, visit the Township's Web site: [www.brownstown-mi.org](http://www.brownstown-mi.org).

### Pet Clinic

Brownstown will hold its annual Inoculations & Licenses Clinic for dogs and cats at the Township's new Animal Control Shelter (an addition to the DPW building, behind Township Hall) on Saturday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Senior citizens and others who have trouble standing in line for an extended period of time are invited to arrive early (at 9 a.m.) for special service.

For details on shots and license fees, visit [www.brownstown-mi.org](http://www.brownstown-mi.org) and click on Departments, then Animal Control.

## Annual Spring Cleanup

The Brownstown Beautification Commission has announced that the weeks of May 5–9 and May 12–16 will be the Township's annual Spring Cleanup weeks. During Spring Cleanup, Waste Management will pick up, on your regular trash pickup days, unlimited household rubbish and many items not normally accepted.

Items that will be accepted include tires, small car parts, appliances with Freon, household rubbish, yard waste, and bulky items. All items must be placed at the curb in 32-gallon or smaller containers or bags. Bundle all loose items in three-foot or smaller bundles weighing no more than 50 pounds.

### Free Preschool Programs

The Woodhaven-Brownstown Schools, in cooperation with the Brownstown and Woodhaven recreation departments, is offering an exciting new preschool program to help preschoolers prepare for their educational future. Children up to the age of 5 (accompanied by a parent or guardian) are invited to take part in either of these one-hour events, which will be held at the Community Center (21311 Telegraph) from 10 to 11 a.m.

- Sunny Spring Surprise (a celebration of the wonders of spring through a musical adventure) – Wednesday, April 23, and
- Adventure on the Open Range (a musical adventure with imaginary horse riding, rock climbing, canoeing, and camping) – Wednesday, May 21.

For information, call 734-675-0920.

## Huron Township

### Nursery Now Accepting Enrollment

Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery is now accepting applications for the 2008–2009 school year. Classes prepare three- and four-year-olds for kindergarten both academically and socially, and also include enrichment features like field trips, music, crafts, and exercise.

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For information about HCCN – located in St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church – call the nursery (734-753-5978) or Bambi Shelley (734-778-0520).

## Romulus

### Student Organizes Dinner Fund-raiser for Animal Shelter

To fulfill some of the requirements of his Senior Project, Romulus High School senior Justin Kuderik has organized a dinner fund-raiser to benefit the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund. The dinner – to be held at the Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins) on Friday, April 18,

from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. – will feature a menu of chicken, meatballs, pasta, desserts, and more.

For tickets (\$5 for senior citizens and children; \$7 for all other adults), call Justin at 734-624-1612 or send him an e-mail at [kudertot@hotmail.com](mailto:kudertot@hotmail.com).

### Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser Supports 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk

A Spaghetti Dinner in honor of Michelle Orme (wife of firefighter Andy Orme) will be held at Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive Street) on Saturday, April 19, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Admission: donation. Proceeds will be pledged to 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk participants Nicole Adams and Sabrina Miles, who will walk "on behalf of all women."

### Used Book Sale

The semiannual Friends of the Library used book sale will be held at the library (11121 Wayne Road) April 21–23 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and April 26 from noon to 5 p.m.

Monday through Wednesday, items will be available at the following prices:

- adult hardcovers – \$1.50,
- adult large paperbacks – \$1,
- adult paperbacks – \$.50,
- children's hardcovers – \$.50,
- children's paperbacks – \$.25, and
- videos, DVDs, CDs, & records – \$1.

Biggest book bargains will be found on Saturday, when shoppers will be able to take home a bagful of books for just \$2.25.

For information, call 734-942-7589.

### Spaghetti Dinner for Romulus Bands

The Romulus Band Boosters are planning a Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser for the Romulus band program and the Boosters' band scholarship program. The event – which will feature a menu of spaghetti, salad, bread, drink, and dessert – will be held in the cafeteria at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23.

Tickets (\$5 each) are available from either Rob (734-941-3829) or Christina (734-955-1662 or 734-776-3569).

### Bowl-a-Thon Benefits Animal Shelter

A 9-Pin/No-Tap Tournament to be held at Romulus Lanes (37452 West Huron River Drive) at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 25, will benefit the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter.

A cost of \$25 per person for handicap doubles or singles events also includes men's and ladies' mystery games, snacks, and cash prizes. Advance registration is required.

For information, call Romulus Lanes (734-941-6200) or Romulus City Councilman Bill Wadsworth (941-0616).

### Bird Fair

The Rainbow Feathers Bird Club will host its eleventh annual Bird Fair at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will feature birds (including exotics from Africa, Asia, Australia, and South America) and related products for sale.

Admission is \$3 for adults; children 12 and under get in free.

For details, call Tammy and Dave at 734-422-5981.

### School Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education will be held at the District's Administrative Offices (36540 Grant Street) on Monday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are usually held on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

For more information, visit the District's Web site: [www.romulusk12.com](http://www.romulusk12.com).

### City Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Romulus City Council will be held at City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on Monday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are usually held on the first, second, and fourth Monday of each month.

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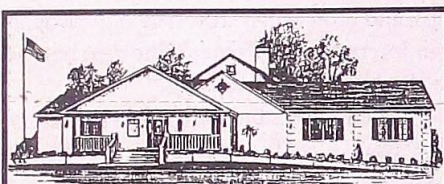
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## Community Calendar

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For information, visit the City's Web site: [www.romulusgov.com](http://www.romulusgov.com).

### Youth Craft Projects Have Holiday Themes

One-day craft classes for local youths will be held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) on Saturday, May 3 (Mother's Day theme), and Saturday, June 7 (Father's Day theme). Both classes begin at 10:30 a.m.

Although the programs are free, pre-registration is required.

For information, call 734-942-7589.

### "Mom 2 Mom" Sale

Shop for gently used children's items at the Romulus Recreation Department's upcoming "Mom 2 Mom" sale, to be held at Romulus Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga Street) on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aisles will be wide enough for strollers, so bring the little ones with you!

Rental space (10'x8' with table) is \$20. Concessions will be available. Space is limited; register early.

Visit [www.mom2momlist.com](http://www.mom2momlist.com) for more information, or call 734-941-8665.

### Second Monday Book Club

Meetings of the Second Monday Book Club — open to everyone 18 and older — are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Advance registration is not required for this free program; just read the suggested book, then drop in for discussion/refreshments.

Books planned for discussion include:

- *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis (May 12).

For more information, ask a librarian or call 734-942-7589.

### Taylor

#### Little League Day Parade

More than 2,000 players, coaches, and family members from all four Taylor Little League groups will participate in the third annual Little League Day Parade, set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 19.

The parade will begin on Superior Parkway at Pardee Road, and travel west to the Taylor Sportsplex (13333 Telegraph Road), where a variety of family-oriented activities will be offered.

### "Battle of the Bands"

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council is sponsoring a Battle of the Bands contest for Taylor-based groups at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 25, at the Heritage Park Activity Building (12115 Pardee Road). Bands that met the March 26 registration deadline will be separated into categories and judged on performance, style, and content.

Area music fans are invited to come out and cheer for their favorite local band. Tickets (available at the door) are \$5 for students and senior citizens; \$7 for all other adults. Refreshments will be available for an additional charge.

For information, call 734-374-4033.

### "Meet with the Mayor" Night

The City of Taylor's next "Meet with Mayor Cameron Priebe" night will be held at Taylor City Hall (23555 Goddard Road) on Monday, May 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. The open house program for Taylor residents is usually held on the Monday before the first council meeting of the month.

For more information, visit the City's Web site: [www.cityoftaylor.com](http://www.cityoftaylor.com).

### Elsewhere

#### Health Expo for Uninsured

A Health Expo for the Uninsured will be held at Cobo Hall on Monday, April 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Highlights of the event will include free and low-cost health screenings, enrollment for children's health-care coverage, information about health-care coverage for small businesses, and info about health-care coverage offered by the State of Michigan, Wayne County, and the City of Detroit.

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## Brownstown

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### Special Trips

Area seniors are invited to take part in one or more of the following trips.

- **International Women's Show** (Friday, May 2; \$10 cost includes transportation and admission to the show at the Novi Expo Center),
- **Holland Tulip Festival** (Thursday, May 8, through Friday, May 9; \$245 cost per person at double-occupancy rate includes transportation, dinner, and attractions such as the Gerald Ford Museum, Dutch marketplace, and Tony Orlando Show),
- **Willy Wonka** (Tuesday, May 20; \$35 cost includes transportation, lunch at a Canton restaurant, and admission to the Village Theatre's musical production), and
- **The Mambo Kings** (Thursday, June 5; \$50 cost includes transportation, a light breakfast, admission to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's show, and lunch at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth).

Call the Center for more information.

### Shopping Trips

For a transportation cost of just \$1, Brownstown seniors can ride the Center's bus to shop at the following destinations:

- Southland Mall (11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 29),
- Kroger (11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30), and
- Meijer (1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6).

Reserve a seat in person or by phone at least 24 hours in advance.

### Red Hat Society Events

Advance registration is required for all of the following events planned by Brownstown's Feisty Red Hatters.

- **Cinco de Mayor at Detroit's Mexican Town** (8:30 a.m. departure on Monday, May 5; cost of \$2 covers transportation only; pay for own lunch),
- **Shopping at Marshalls and IKEA** (9 a.m. departure on Monday, May 12; cost of \$2 covers transportation only; pay for own lunch at Texas Roadhouse), and
- **Shopping at Red Hat Store** (Monday, May 26; cost of \$5 covers transportation only; pay for own lunch at local restaurant in Lima, Ohio).

Please note that members and guests must dress in full regalia – red hat and purple outfit for women 50 and over; pink hat and lavender outfit for those under 50 – for all Red Hat events.

Membership is free.

### "Enchanted Garden" Breakfast Celebrates Mother's Day

An "Enchanted Garden" breakfast honoring the community's senior-citizen mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers will be held at the Brownstown Senior Center at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 9.

Although the event is free, preregistration (by Thursday, April 24) is required.

### Bingo Breakfast

The Senior Center's next Bingo Breakfast is set for Monday, April 21, at 9 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee will be the menu for the morning.

A donation of \$2.50 is requested from those not playing bingo. Register in advance at the Recreation desk.

### Potluck & Games Night

The Brownstown Senior Center's next Potluck & Games Night is set for Monday, April 28, at 5 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and a \$.50 donation, or come without a dish and make a \$3 donation. (The Center provides a meat dish and beverages.)

Advance registration (at the Recreation desk) is required.

### Regular Events

Regular programs offered by the Center include:

- euchre (Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- quilting (Wednesdays, 9 a.m.),
- blood-pressure checks (first Thursdays, noon), and
- exercise (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 a.m.; \$.25 donation/class).

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Romulus seniors can also purchase individual day passes for just \$5.25.

The RAC – located at 35765 Northline – is open Monday through Saturday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call 734-942-2223 for more information.

### The Color Purple

A few tickets still remain for the Romulus Senior Center's trip to see the popular musical, *The Color Purple*, at the Fox Theatre on Sunday, May 25.

For information, call the Center.

### Lunch at Max and Erma's

The Romulus Senior Center's next "lunch out" excursion is set for Friday, April 25, at Max and Erma's. Bus will depart at 11 a.m.

Advance registration is required.

### Shopping Trip

Romulus seniors are invited to ride the Center's van, free of charge, to shop at Kmart on Monday, April 21. Transportation will depart from the Center at 9:30 a.m.

Reservations are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis.

### Spring Lunch at Cory Elementary

The staff and students at Cory Elementary are inviting Romulus seniors to lunch at the school on Tuesday, April 22. Bus transportation will depart from the Senior Center at noon.

Advance sign-up is required.

### Special Trips

Call the Senior Center for more information about any of the following trips.

- **Windsor Racetrack** (Wednesday, April 23; \$10),
- **Historic Sauder Village** (Friday, May 2; \$70),
- **Holland Tulip Festival** (May 6–7; \$150), and
- **Frankenmuth/Bronner's Christmas Wonderland** (May 13; \$22).

### Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, at the Center.

As always, both walk-ins and call-ins are welcome.

### "Wii" Have Fun at the Senior Center!

Get moving and have a good time doing it by playing "virtual" bowling, golf, and tennis games on the Senior Center's Wii system. Better yet, bring a friend to compete against, and double your fun!

### Regular Programs

Free or low-cost weekly programs offered at the Romulus Senior Center include:

- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- fun night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- game day (Thursdays, 1 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 6 p.m.), and
- walking club (Fridays, 1 p.m.).

### Hot Lunches

Don't forget that the Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each weekday (except for holidays) for a suggested donation of only \$2.25.

Call by noon at least one business day in advance to make your reservation.

## Taylor

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### Trip to Greektown Casino

Love to visit casinos, but hate to drive in Downtown traffic? The Ford Senior Center has chartered a bus for a trip to Greektown Casino on Thursday, May 15.

A cost of \$5 includes a \$15 voucher that can be used for money or food.

This trip will fill up quickly, so advance registration is strongly recommended.

### Women's Expo

Fashion shows, cosmetic makeovers, food sampling, cooking demonstrations, home-decorating ideas, remodeling tips (courtesy of celebrity carpenter Carter Oosterhouse), health screenings, wellness tips, and more will be featured at the Michigan International Women's Show, to be held at the Novi Expo Center.

The Center's bus will depart on Thursday, May 1, at 9 a.m., and return to the Center at approximately 5 p.m.

Cost is \$9.50 plus lunch on your own. Advance registration required.

### Spring Fling

The Ford Senior Center's Spring Fling will be held on Friday, May 2, from 2 to 6 p.m. Highlights of the event will include live music performed by Solitaire and food catered by Veronica's.

Tickets are \$12 per person. Deadline for purchase is Friday, April 25.

### Birthday Bash

If you were born in April, and are 55 or older, come out to the Center's next Birthday Bash, set for Thursday, April 24, from 1 to 3 p.m. Cake, ice cream, and karaoke will be among the attractions.

There's no charge to attend; simply preregister by Monday, April 21. No children, please.

### Last Chance for Golf Registration

Registration for the *Monday Men's Meadows League* is open through the month of April. Fee is \$15.

The *Lakes Mixed League* and *Lakes Men's League* also will accept registrations throughout April. Fee is \$9 for each.

Registration for the *Wednesday Senior Mixed League* (substitutes only) is open through April, too. Fee is \$5.

### Free Health Screening

On Wednesday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to noon, Wayne County senior citizens age 60 and up can get a number of free health tests (vital signs/blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol, complete blood count, urinalysis, and hemocult) at the Ford Senior Center. (People 50 to 59 are welcome, too, but must pay for lab work.)

Please bring the name of your physician and relevant health history information, including a list of your medications.

Although there is no charge for the screenings, donations will be accepted to help defray the costs of the program.

Call the Center for more information.

### Blood Pressure Checks

Stop in at the Center for a free blood pressure check between 8:30 and 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 24. □



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Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
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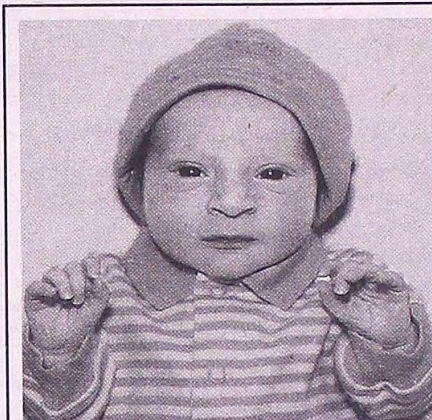
## Blake Layton Evans

Richard and Alanna Evans of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their first son, Blake Layton Evans.

Blake was born in Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital (Wyandotte, MI) at 9:52 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2008, weighing 7 lbs., 7 oz., and measuring 20.25 in. in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival was his big sister, Ava Marie Evans.

Also giving Blake a warm welcome into the family were his paternal grandparents, Richard and Joyce Evans (Romulus), and his maternal grandparents, Ted and Nancy Young (Woodhaven, MI). □



Blake Layton Evans

## Planning To Wed

## Jessica Moore and Jeffrey Kurzyniec

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moore of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the coming marriage of their daughter, Jessica Lynn Moore, to Jeffrey Alan Kurzyniec, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Kurzyniec of Romulus and Mrs. Patricia Kurzyniec of Lincoln Park, Michigan.

The happy couple – who became engaged on Saturday, January 12, 2008 – will exchange their wedding vows at Lincoln Park Masonic Temple on Saturday, September 27, 2008.

Jessica will be attended by her bridesmaid, Courtney MacDougall.

Standing up with Jeffrey will be his groomsman, Darius Cooper.

A reception will immediately follow the ceremony. □



Jessica Moore and Jeffrey Kurzyniec

## Obituary

## Roger L. Pryor

Roger L. Pryor of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, April 6, 2008, at the age of 71.

The native of Kingsford, Michigan, was born on Thursday, June 11, 1936.

Roger worked for 36 years at the Ford Motor Company's Dearborn Assembly Plant before retiring in 1996. An avid sports fan, he especially enjoyed basketball and baseball.

Surviving Roger are his wife, Shirley M. (Selvia) Pryor; a son, Kevin C. Pryor (Wayne, MI); 3 daughters, Sherry (Gerald) Regits (Romulus, MI), Robin Trackwell (Taylor, MI), and Michele Pierce (Belleville); 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren;

and a brother, Lloyd (Carol) Pryor (Kingsford).

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, Harry R. and Elsie M. (Anderson) Pryor; a son, Roger D.; a brother, Herbert; and 2 sisters, Olive and Edith.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, April 9, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend Bert Spann (Fellowship Baptist Church, Saline, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial tributes to the American Diabetes Association would be greatly appreciated by the family. □



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